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Spain (57)

Martinez, July 30, 1896

My dear Johnson.

I start with the Grand Forestry Commission through the Black Hills, Yellowstone Park & the Rocky Mountains generally. At Spokane I left it & came here direct to get ready for the Alaska trip which I could not shake off. Osborn is to meet me at Tacoma. I hope to get back in time to finish the Com. Through the Sierra in Sep. & Oct. I enjoyed Sargent ever & ever so much - the only one of the Com. that knew & loved trees as I loved them. He objected strenuously to my leaving, but I thought I could do more in Alaska than with the Com. after crossing the Continent with them & seeing every tree.

Your kind letter was received at Spokane & I send you herewith the cost of my washing & thanks on thanks for your kindness. The S. O. Jewett clipping I handed to Mrs. H & she said it was charming & no doubt was due to your care. I do hope you will be able to take a true rest. Without you I should have perished in this hot Sierras called Streets in N.Y. The evening with Tesla was a rare pleasure due wholly to you. & all the eventful trip you were my good angel. Give my cordial regards to Mrs Johnson & believe me ever & always Yours truly John Muir

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